

ASA Council meeting
August 10, 2024, 7:00-7:45 AM ET

Attendees: Miles Taylor, Mieke Beth Thomeer, Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson, Marc Garcia, Ayrilia Welch, Nik Lampe, Rebekah Carpenter, Jessica Noblitt, Christine Mair, André Christie-Mizell, Anne Barrett, Trish Homan, Patti Thomas

I. Call to order

1. Miles Taylor called the meeting to order

II. Approval of 2023 minutes

1. Minutes were approved

III. Treasury report

1. Mieke Thomeer provided overview of key issues related to changes in income and fundraising
2. Discussed asking for approval for larger fundraising amount for next year
3. Miles Taylor suggested potentially having a larger fundraising campaign one year, so we could have smaller fundraising campaigns in future years

IV. Committee Reports

1. Program committee

1. Miles Taylor introduced the overview of the sessions for the ASA 2024 meeting. Goal of highlighting diversity and inclusion and sessions in which our topics intersect with other sections' interests.
2. Miles Taylor emailed the chair of sections with overlapping interests in our program (e.g., Sexuality Section for LGBTQ+ Aging) regarding our specific sessions

2. Membership committee

1. Anne Barrett noted that membership has dropped since the pandemic, especially among faculty and professional members. Currently at 440 members; if drop below 400, we'll lose a conference session.
2. Anne Barrett increased the number of emails sent to people who have dropped their membership. SALC will need to see what membership numbers are in August 31, when numbers update, to see where the section stands. SALC needs to continue to find ways to increase membership numbers. These campaigns need to start earlier in the year, so that the sessions can reflect our numbers.
3. Miles Taylor mentioned that SALC is starting campaign with 50 student memberships. But the process of gifting memberships has become more complicated, and there is a need for a centralized system with a specific person/group of people in charge of these memberships. There could be a possibility of expanding that to new memberships for members at different stages (not just students), if allowable.

3. Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring Report

1. Ayrilia Welch provided the report. Mentoring reception is tonight with eight speed mentoring tables. This is open to all ASA members. The cost of the event is \$5,530, about \$1,000 more than last year. Students continue to be interested in mentoring activities throughout the year.

2. Janet Wilmoth is stepping down from her mentorship chair role, after serving generously in this role for many years. Miles Taylor mentioned SALC will recognize Janet Wilmoth for the incredible amount of work she has been doing over the years.
3. Miles Taylor mentioned needing to update several documents, including potentially the by-laws, regarding role of the Mentoring committee.
4. Communications
 1. Miles Taylor presented all reports related to the various forms of communication – Newsletter, Web, Connect/Listserv, Facebook, Twitter/X. She provided an overview of the various ways these outlets help in terms of getting the word out for different kinds of news. She thanked everyone who served in these roles. Some main announcements:
 1. For newsletter, three issues published every year. The two editor system (Shannon Shen and Stephanie Ureña) has worked well. They are transitioning off the newsletter this year; Nik Lampe is taking over and is looking for a co-editor.
 2. Julia Wolf is rotating off web manager, and Skyler Bastow is rotating into that role.
 3. If people would like to share announcements to membership, then email Adam Roth directly at adam.roth@okstate.edu
 4. For Facebook, be sure to email Jeffrey Lentz at jeffrey.g.lentz@emory.edu when want to post announcement there and to fill out the membership question on Facebook when requesting to join
 5. For Twitter/X, helpful if members tag @ASA_SALC in relevant posts.
5. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee –
 1. Report provided by Christine Mair and Catherine García. 53 papers were received, with 8 tables. (Six papers had to withdraw.) Excellent range of papers related to aging and the life course.
6. Committee on Nominations
 1. Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson provided the report for Stef Mollborn. The committee solicited nominations within SALC through multiple different methods and received an excellent pool of applicants. They narrowed this down to the group of people on the ballot, and new chair, council members, and student representatives were elected.

V. New Business

1. Entering year three of Junior BIPOC/scholars of color support pilot project:
 1. Miles Talor presented an overview of this initiative so far, including the original proposal being a 3-year pilot project (just completed the second year—eleven grants total have been given). Awardees given a travel grant and, if interested, assigned a mentor. (All already were section members, but if not a member, then would offer to pay their section membership.) In upcoming year, we need to decide whether to formalize this program. At ASA's recommendation, we changed the name from "award" to "grant."

2. As move forward to formalize, need to think about several issues. First, need to have someone (other than chair) in charge of the program. Miles Taylor recommended shifting it off the chair's responsibilities, perhaps to a junior scholar with interest in mentoring. Second, the timing of applications for the award is tied to ASA deadlines, which can be difficult. Third, may revisit the criteria in order to have more diverse pool. Right now, need to be a junior BIPOC/scholars of color who were on the program (including section sessions and roundtables), but if changed this (including being on the SALC program), could have larger and more diverse pool. We could easily expand to just being on the ASA program, with the stipulation of having to put in application which sessions applied to and at least one should be SALC session/roundtable.

2. Award Nomination Concern

1. For several awards, nominations roll over from year to year (for a limited number of years). This is the role of the incoming chair elect, to make sure the nominations are carried over. Miles Taylor recommended that this be updated in the duty of the officers. Important moving forward that previous award chair makes sure to tell the new award chair about the procedures, and the rolling over nominations. Additionally, need to consider how to solicit more nominations for some awards. Unclear who is the best person to do this, as the current award chair should not do this. Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson mentioned that may encourage people to send ideas to current award chair.

3. New SALC Public Impact Award

1. Miles Taylor discussed interest in creating a more applied impact award within SALC. The proposed wording was developed through looking at other organizations (GSA, PAA, etc.) and other ASA sections. The goal of this award is to broaden the types of scholars we honor, beyond publishing research in traditional avenues.
2. This would be our fifth award, so we would have five of our five awards. Miles Taylor mentioned this is in line with other ASA sections, who have five of the five awards. She is happy to help solicit nominations, and there is someone who has volunteered to chair the awards committee.
3. All attending who were eligible to vote approved this award and the below wording.
4. Proposed wording: **SALC Public Impact Award**
This award recognizes the work of a SALC member at any stage of their career who has demonstrated impact in applied research or improving lives through aging and/or life course scholarship. Examples of impact could be through, for example, community-engaged research, education of future professionals or stakeholders, policy engagement, and/or effective research translation for the greater public good. The winner must be a member of the Section on Aging and the Life Course at the time of the award. Submit a full nomination letter by March x, 2025. Letters of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions to public impact through aging and life course scholarship that warrant consideration. If

multiple persons wish to nominate a person, we strongly encourage co-signers on a *single* nomination letter. Nominations will be carried over for consideration for the award for two years beyond the year of the initial submission of the nomination package. Materials should be sent to xxxx, Chair of the SALC Public Impact Award Committee, at xxxx@xxx.edu. Other committee members include xxxx.

VI. Outgoing and incoming members

1. Miles Taylor thanked the outgoing officers and council members: **Council Members:** André Christie-Mizell, Anna Muraco, **Past Chair:** Stefanie Mollborn, **Mentoring Chair:** Janet Wilmoth, **Newsletter Editors:** Stephanie Ureña & Shannon Shen, **Web Manager:** Julia Wolf
2. Miles Taylor also provided an introduction for the incoming members: **Chair-Elect:** Patricia Thomas; **Council Members:** Patricia Homan and Adriana Reyes
3. Miles Taylor introduced new chair elect: **Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson**
4. Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson also thanked Miles Taylor for her service as chair elect.

VII. Plans for 2025

1. ASA Meeting: Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson discussed plans for meeting schedule for next year. She wants to continue theme of inclusion and showcasing the breadth of what we do in SALC. One idea is a session about social ties over the life course.
2. Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson mentioned needing to change the by-laws so that they match what is accurate and making sure it is accurate on our website. One item to change is the start date of council members, in line with ASA's suggestion (September 1). Website also should be edited so acknowledges important roles of different members which are not currently listed publicly.

VIII. Miles Taylor adjourned the meeting.